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Beginning at 5 p.m. on 4 May, 17 boatloads of troops, 2 jeeps, 5 sedans and an undetermined number of radio trucks, [redacted]

[redacted] from the Kietzer Kaserne were entrained at the Rathenow railroad station. The loading was still under way at dusk. Prior to 8 May, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Fifty soldiers were seen at drill. The Pionier Kaserne was also occupied by a rear detail. [redacted]

[redacted] The Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by at least 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. As the loading of headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps was still under way in the evening of 4 May, the shipment observed probably was the train which according to another source, went to Gardelegen on 5 May under shipment-record

[redacted] A train which left for Gardelegen on 4 May under shipment-record carried units of the 25th St. Brig. Elements of the brigade, along with headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps, probably conducted firing practices in the northern part of Ietzling Heath. The information on the occupation of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne confirms previous reports. [redacted]

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